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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Oral *Ex Parte* Communications, CG Docket No. 09-158, CC Docket No. 98-170, WC Docket No. 04-36**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As one of the parties who helped organize the original meeting that led to the creation of M-Lab, I would like to offer my strong support for the principles expounded in your filing of 26 July 2012 (Re: Consumer Information and Disclosure Public Notice CG Docket No. 09-158, CC Docket No. 98-170, WC Docket No. 04-36).

In particular, I feel that it is extremely important not only that the policies and processes associated with the collection, analysis, and dissemination of associated network measurement data not only actually be rigorously open and transparent, but that they also clearly appear to be so as well.

Anything short of this risks undermining the confidence not only of directly involved stakeholders but also of other researchers, policymakers, and the public at large.

It is impossible to overestimate the value not only of uncompromising transparency in general for this project, but also specifically of the crucial and fundamental requirement that all data be collected only from servers that are operated in an open manner by the measurement research community. It is axiomatic that Principles for Open Measurements cannot logically depend on servers that do not meet this specification.

The Commission's continuing commitment to these principles is key to ensuring that associated network measurement data broadly and reliably serves the public interest.

Thank you very much for your diligent attention and work toward these imperative goals.

Sincerely,

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